

New law establishes the LaPOST program and form, which constitute a means by which a person may convert his wishes concerning life-sustaining medical treatment into a standing medical order.

New law provides specific requirements for the structure and language of the LaPOST form.

New law directs the DHH to promulgate rules, regulations, and standards to create the LaPOST program and form.

New law provides for responsibilities of physicians, health care providers, certified emergency technicians, and certified first responders regarding LaPOST.

New law provides for immunity from liability for health care providers, physicians, and persons acting under the direction of a physician who act in accordance with a duly executed LaPOST form.

New law intends for the LaPOST form to complement other declarations concerning life-sustaining procedures as provided for in existing law.

New law stipulates that the LaPOST form is not a declaration concerning life-sustaining procedures and shall not have to comply with the provisions of existing law providing for such declarations in order to be valid and enforceable.

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